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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSSES NEW DELHI NON-ALIGNED
MEETING (NACCFM) AND MODIFIED GOP APPROACH TO NAM

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1. DURING MY MARCH 24 CALL ON HIM, FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE MADE A SPECIAL POINT TO INFORM ME OF HIS APPROACH TO THE APRIL 6 MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN NEW DELHI, AND ASKED ME TO INFORM WASHINGTON OF THIS APPROACH. HE SAID THAT OVER THE OBJECTIONS OF SOME OF HIS ADVISORS "WHO WERE STILL WEDDED TO PAST POLICIES", HE HAD DECIDED AGAINST PERSONALLY ATTENDING THE DELHI MEETING. INSTEAD HE WOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO BE READ AT THE MEETING IN WHICH HE WOULD REITERATE PERU'S COMMITMENT TO NON-ALIGNED PRINCIPLES, AGAINST ALL FORMS OF IMPERIALISM AND RACISM, AND IN FAVOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID THAT AT ALL SUCH INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, PERU WOULD IN THE FUTURE ESCHEW THE DEMOGOGIC AND WOULD PLACE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON CONCRETE ECONOMIC MEASURES INTENDED TO ELIMINATE CHRONIC COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE POORER NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

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2. DE LA PUENTE SAID HE HAD NO STOMACH FOR GOING TO NEW DELHI WHERE HE WOULD HAVE TO LISTEN TO A LOT OF SPECIAL PLEADING AND EMOTIONAL RESOLUTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST COUNTRIES WITH WHICH PERU HAS IMPORTANT RELATIONS, SPECIFICALLY CHILE, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND ISRAEL. IN NEW DELHI HE WOULD BE PUT IN A POSITION OF ABSTAINING TIME AFTER TIME ON FREQUENTLY PAROCHIAL VOTES

AGAINST THESE AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF IMPORTANCE TO PERU.

3. DE LA PUENTE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH PERU INTENDS TO MAINTAIN ITS NON-ALIGNED STATUS, THIS COUNTRY'S MAIN INTERESTS LIE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS INCLUDING THE U.S. HE SAID HE WAS HEARTENED BY RECENT STATEMENTS FROM THE U.S. WITH REGARD TO COOPERATION ON COMMODITY ISSUES AND LOOKS FORWARD TO PURSUING THESE IN THE NEXT CIEC MEETING IN PARIS.

4. ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT DISCUSS THE MAKEUP OF PERUVIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE NEW DELHI MEETING OR THE IMPORTANT ISSUES TO BE AIRED THERE, DE LA PUENTE'S GENERAL APPROACH TO THAT MEETING WOULD SEEM TO BODE WELL FOR A CONTINUING MODERATING ROLE BY PERU IN FUTURE NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS WITH GOOD PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION ON ITEMS OF VITAL INTEREST TO THE USG.

5. THE EMBASSY WILL REPORT SEPTTEL ON MORE SPECIFIC NAME QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL. DEAN

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